

Construction of Primary school on Nuns Island

Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion on this important process. I am resident of IDS since 2007 and member of APRIDS. As a community we are paying high taxes for this green space which is a priceless asset to this community. Every age group benefits from this green space and these benefits include tennis, swimming pool, walking trails, bicycle paths, outside hockey in winter and multipurpose field in summer and for the dog owners a leach free area.

It is a safe and welcoming well used area by all ages, particularly youth. Youth in our society require these facilities which are being put in jeopardy by this proposed project. If this green area would be lost you are placing our youth at risk.

I fully support the need for a new school because of the existing demographics.

From the consultations so far has been established that the new school location does not meet important criteria, which for example is

1. Safety of the children
2. Safety of the teachers
3. Safety of the parents transporting the children
4. Safety of the residents

However the presently planned location in Park La Fontaine does not meet any of this criteria.

Based on preliminary traffic flow monitoring by APRIDS during school day morning hours, the increase in traffic and the need for more parking spaces for teachers, support staff and parents in the vicinity of the proposed school will increase the possibility of accidents and children being put in harm's way.

It is imperative not to increase congestion during rush hours.

Is this a logical choice of location bearing in mind the projected need of another school with in few years?

Would it not make more sense to choose a site that would accommodate all future school infrastructure needs?

Sincerely,
Arja Fischer